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Garrison uncovers new figure in JFK assassination

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NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31 (LNS) —Jim Garrison today subpoened a Tacoma, Washington man for questioning in his continuing investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination.

Fred Lee Crisman, a "bishop" of the Universal Life Church, was called to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on November 21. Garrison's office said that Crisman, "Has been engaged in undercover activity for a part of the industrial warfare complex for years. His cover is that of a 'preacher' and a person 'engaged in work to help the gypsies.' "

Garrison's press statement continued. "Our information indicates that since the early 1960's, Crisman has made many trips to the New Orleans and Dallas areas in connection with his undercover work. He is a 'former' employee of the Boeing Aircraft Company in the sense that one defendant in the case is a 'former' employee of Lockheed Aircraft Company in Los Angeles. In intelligence terminology, this ordinarily means that the connection still exists but that the 'former employee' has moved into an underground operation."

Garrison said that evidence has been developed indicating a relationship between Crisman and "persons involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy." He did not elaborate on what type of a relationship it was, nor with whom it was. Presumably, Garrison is referring to Clay Shaw, Edgar Eugene Bradley, David Ferrie, and/or Lee Oswald, all f whom are suspected by Garrison's office.

Shaw, a retired director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, is under indictment on charges of conspiracy to commit murder. His attorneys have appealed a preliminary judicial ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court and have obtained a federal court injunction barring any further prosecution of their client. Bradley, a radio representative for evangelist Dr. Carl McIntire, is awaiting a decision by Gov. Ronald Reagan on his extradition.

Garrison further reiterated the general findings of his controversial investigation. "President Kennedy was murdered by elements of the industrial warfare complex working in concert with individuals in the United States Government. At the time of his murder, President Kennedy was working to end the Cold War. The annual income of the defense industry was well over twenty billion dollars a year and there were forces in that industry and in the U.S. Government which opposed the ending of the Cold War."